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SUBJECT: EXCESS MAP WEAPONS TO ETHIOPIA

REF: STATE 206573 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED
JANUARY 1, 1975: BEGIN VERTATIM TEXT. QUOTE:

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY
GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA PRESENT THEIR COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAVE THE HONOR TO STATE THE FOLLOW-
ING REGARDING MAP WEAPONS BEING MADE EXCESS TO THE ETHIOPIAN GROUND
FORCES BY THE SMALL ARMS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERN-
MENT HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY US MAAG THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERN-
MENT HAVE CONSENTED TO THE TRANSFER OF EXCESS MAP WEAPONS TO THE
TERRITORIAL ARMY, CONTINGENT UPON THE FOLLOWING CONDITION TO
WHICH THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT HEREBY AGREE.

A) THE EXCESS MAP WEAPONS TRANSFERRED TO THE TERRITORIAL
ARMY WILL CONTINUE TO BE GOVERNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE MUTUAL
DEFENSE ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT OF 1953.

B) WEAPONS TRANSFERRED AND NO LONGER REQUIRED BY THE
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TERRITORIAL ARMY OR WEAPONS THAT BECOME NON-REPAIRABLE WILL BE

REPORTED TO THE US MAAG AND THEIR FINAL DISPOSITION WILL BE DECIDED BY SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1958 AGREEMENT ON "MUTUAL DEFENSE ASSISTANCE: DISPOSITION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS."

C) A PERIODIC REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO US MAAG AS TO THE USE, LOCATION, CONDITION, AND QUANTITY OF WEAPONS ON HAND. THE REQUIRED REPORT WILL BE IN THE FORMAT PROVIDED BY CMAAG AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO HEADQUARTERS, US MAAG ETHIOPIA EACH YEAR BEFORE 31ST DECEMBER, AND AT ANY RATE NOT LATER THAN 15TH JANUARY.

D) THE EXCESS MAP WEAPONS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED TO VILLAGE MILITIA OR TO NATIONAL MILITARY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS OR PERSONNEL. SHOULD THE ABOVE MEET WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROPOSE THAT THIS PRESENT NOTE AND AN AFFIRMATIVE REPLY THERETO CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA EFFECTIVE FROM THE DATE OF REPLY.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF THEIR HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

2. IF SUBSTANCE OF NOTE ACCEPTABLE TO STATE AND DEFENSE (PER REFTL AND PREVIOUS) REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO CONCLUDE PROPOSED AGREEMENT.
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